explored and employed keeping in mind any adverse effect, which the pest control treatment may have on the health of human beings. However, immediate counter measures are taken if pests/insects are detected in the passenger areas of coaches. In this particular case, immediate follow up was done on the complaint and pest control agency was penalized followed by termination of contract. The administration was already taking up with the firm for poor performance and this complaint served as the last straw. A complete review of pest control methods has since been carried out and special attention is being given to identified pest concentration locations. Frequency of treatment has been increased to every fortnightly for Howrah Rajdhani to control this menace.

(e) and (f) All coaches are cleaned and disinfected prior to start. Complete Pest Control treatment is done at monthly interval or more frequently depending upon requirement. Although it is not practicable to completely eliminate cockroaches but the following measures are being taken to keep this menace under check:

(1) Monthly/fortnightly pest control treatment and fumigation of coaches by expert agencies.

(2) Re-treatment of coaches in case of complaint.

(3) Trial with slow release pesticidal paints to provide a lasting solution.

(4) Thorough cleaning of coaches at the end of trip to remove food leftoers from coaches which attract pests.

(5) Complete pest control of pantry cars after vacating them to stop breeding of insects on train.

(6) Use of new types of pesticides and periodic changes to tackle resistant strains of insects.

Daily run of Hazrat Nizamuddin-Secunderabad New Rajdhani

3466. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a weekly Rajdhani Express has been introduced from Hazrat Nizamuddin to Secunderabad during the month of February, 2002;

(b) if so, whether there has been a demand to run this train on daily basis; and

(c) what is Government's response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir. 2437/2438 Nizamuddin- Secunderabad Rajdhani Express (weekly) has been introduced *w.e.f.* 17.02.2002.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Encroachment of Railway land

f3467. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the increasing encroachments on railway land alongwith the rail lines;

(b) if so, the details of railway land encroached upon;

(c) whether Government propose to launch a campaign to vacate the encroached land from occupation of encroachers; and

(d) the details of encroachment on railway land under Danapur Division of Eastern Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) There are approximately 1.5 lakh no. of encroachments covering an area of approximately 2162 hectares of railway land, out of which approximately 1500 no. of encroachments covering an area of approximately 2 hectares are in Danapur Division of Eastern Railway. Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise to remove encroachments from their land as per provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Uauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971, and as per provisions of the Railways Act, 1989.

Dholpur Gangapur City new rail line

†3468. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) for how many new rail lines surveys have been conducted in the country, during the last few years;

(b) the estimated cost as per the survey for laying new rail line between Dholpur and Gangapur City; and

(c) by when work on this rail line would be started after the approval?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.